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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT TO U.S. OF ALGERIAN AGRICULTURE MINISTER
TAYEBI LARBI

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1. DURING MEETING DESCRIBED REFTEL RE POSSIBLE U.S. COOPERA-
TION IN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER AGRICULTURE TAYEBI
LARBI UNEXPECTEDLY JOINED MEETING TOWARDS END. TAYEBI
REMAINED HALF HOUR, MOST OF WHICH SPENT DISCUSSING PROPOSED
AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS, BUT SUBJECT MINISTERIAL TRAVEL ALSO
DISCUSSED.

2. LARBI HAD JUST RETURNED FROM VISIT TO SOVIET UNION AND
EAST GERMANY. (ONLY INTERESTING COMMENT HE HAD REGARDING
AGRICULTURE IN THOSE TWO COUNTRIES WAS THAT THEY BOTH
SUFFERING FROM DROUGHT THIS YEAR.) HE SAID THAT WITH THIS
TRIP HE NOW HAS VISITED ALL EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.
AMBASSADOR SAID THAT SINCE HE HAS VISITED ALL SOCIALIST
STATES HE SHOULD ALSO VISIT A CAPITALIST ONE. LARBI SAID
HE WOULD LIKE THAT VERY MUCH, BUT IT WOULD HAVE TO BE A
WORKING VISIT TO BE JUSTIFIED. HE ASKED WHEN BEST TIME
WOULD BE TO VISIT AGRICULTURAL AREAS IN U.S. AND USDA
VISITOR DR. FAUGHT SUGGESTED SPRING--PERHAPS MAY.
LARBI RECEPTIVE AND SAID HE AGREED INPRINCIPLE.
IT WAS LEFT THAT WE WOULD SEE HOW VISIT OF AGRICULTURAL TEAM
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HERE WORKS OUT AND THEN FOLLOW UP.

3. COMMENT. AS MEMBER COUNCIL OF REVOLUTION LARBI FIGURE OF
SOME POLITICAL IMPORTANCE. HIS EXPOSURE TO FOREIGN AGRICULTURE
HAS BEEN ALMOST ENTIRELY IN COMMUNIST COUNTRIES AND VISIT TO
U.S. WOULD GIVE US OPPORTUNITY CORRECT A NUMBER OF UNHELPFUL
IMPRESSIONS. IT WOULD ALSO FACILITATE AMERICAN AGRIBUSINESS
CONTACTS IN MOST USEFUL WAY. PROPOSE THAT LARBI BE OFFERED
VIP INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANT AND THAT WE TRY GIVE HIM
RED CARPET VISIT.PARKER

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